

THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Tuesday, not much change in temperature; gentle variable winds.
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HECTIC ENDING OF ASSEMBLY IS A MYSTIC MAZE

Members "Play Politics" With Important Acts in Weird Manner

FIGHT ON WELFARE BILL BITTEREST OF SESSION

Grundy-Oliver Combine Uses Questionable Tactics to Keep Measure "Pickled"

PUBLIC IS DISREGARDED

Drafts of Statutes Pocketed to Prevent Hearings—All Precedents Broken

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

Harrisburg, April 25.—The most boringly disappointing session of a General Assembly in a quarter of a century will end this week.

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By a stretch of the imagination the House, in the last few days, has called a deliberative body, devoted to the welfare of the people, desirous of the greatest good to the greatest number.

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The spectacle has been and is being presented of representatives, full-blown men, running away like schoolboys with bills in their pockets which they desire to keep from the other fellows.

Other members hold bills in committee to prevent consideration or deliberately refuse to permit public consideration in the House of measures that actually involve directly the safety and preservation of human life.

The anti-fireworks or "sparkler" bill is a sample.

Hectic Finish in Sight

The final four days of the session, which began today, open with what might be called a mad-dash movement. Everything is going round in circles.

The monotony will be broken within the ensuing twenty hours.

One of the administration bills, practically the only one of moment left, outside of revenue measures, has been tied up in committee, so that it has been impossible to get action on it.

It has been necessary for the chairman of one of the House committees and his satellites to go through a lot of grotesque and foolish actions to keep it from the floor.

Governor Sproul's state welfare department measure is the one tied up. It is the bill designed to put under state control various charitable and departmental institutions.

The bill is reported to the line and after years that there are too many amendments and that they should be held; that there is a lack of control in their operation.

Now when it is proposed to abolish one of them by concentrating their means under one department head to mean of extravagance and the wall "political machine" greets the effort.

The Pittsburgh Philadelphia, or Grady-Oliver combination, is fighting Governor's welfare measure with one hand. It has been compelled to resort to some questionable "parliamentary" tactics to give them the best possible description.

Under Cloak of "Reform"

Of course this is in the sacred name "reform" in protest against extravagance; a cutting down of taxation. Such talk is bluffing, as every member of House or Senate knows. It is all cold-blooded, matter of fact bluff. It is fear that the Governor will take over on them, "because all his works."

To this extent it is worth while to look in plain language.

Everybody knows that this is the culmination of a battle that has been continued on Page Six, Column Four

William Jennings Bryan in City

William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, is a visitor in the city today. He arrived early this morning. He will call on John W. Wannamaker, with whom he conversed for some time.

Important Activities in Legislative Session

Tonight's session expected to decide whether Sproul shall control the Republican organization. Oliver-Oliver forces will oppose Governor's effort to restore contract street paving in city likely to smash on the floor.

Proposed school code amendment would give Judge Brown power to appoint children from compulsory education requirement.

House committee on appropriations passes measure for several institutions here and also for Eastern bill providing for salary advances.

Hands of children awarded to ex-husbands and fourth of July rallies.

Eloping Heiress



MRS. RICHARD FAGAN Formerly Miss Katherine Stevens, daughter of Calvin A. Stevens, the "millionaire hermit" of New York, whose \$15,000,000 fortune she will inherit. Before her elopement and marriage, Mrs. Fagan was a pupil in a private school in Overbrook.

CAUGHT AT CHURCH AS MOTOR BANDIT

Lansdale Young Man Arrested Leaving Place of Worship With Girl

ANOTHER YOUTH HELD, TOO

Two Lansdale youths, who are said to have made an abandoned farm their base of operations for a series of robberies and a hold-up, were arrested last night, one as he was leaving a Lansdale church with a young woman.

William Tice, twenty-one years old, Pierce street, Lansdale, and Robert Stockard, eighteen year old, are the alleged robbers.

According to state police, Tice and Stockard stole an automobile from the Tyson coal yard at Lansdale Tuesday night, and drove it to an abandoned farm at Berwyn, formerly used as part of a motion-picture studio.

Tice, according to their alleged confession, they started from the farmhouse each night in the stolen automobile on errands of crime. Last Wednesday night, police say, they robbed the Kratz general store at Lansdale.

The following night, it is charged, they broke into the building of the Blue Springs Lake Development and obtained tools, and later robbed two summer cottages along the Perkiomen creek near Spring Mount.

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PATROLMAN TAKES ALLEGED ROBBER IN GRAVEYARD BATTLE

Tombstones Used as Shields Until Suspect Yields to Former Soldier

PRISONER'S COMPANION CAUGHT AND IDENTIFIED

Thomas Salvo, thirty years old, who said he lived at 1202 South Tenth street, and Charles Jerome, thirty years old, who gave his address as 919 Earnest street, were arrested early this morning and later identified as high-waymen after Jerome and a patrolman had exchanged shots in a cemetery, taking cover behind tombstones.

The prisoners were identified as highwaymen through the finding, by another patrolman, of a batch of letters taken from their victim and thrown away.

Patrolmen Kurtz and Schilling, of the Seventh and Carpenter streets station, figured in the arrests and gun fight. Both are former service men and both were with the armies overseas.

Patrolman Caplini, of the same station house, though he did not take part in the chase and fight, performed a clever piece of detective work which led to the identification.

Kurtz and Schilling were patrolling together at 2:30 this morning, when they saw two men near Seventh street and Washington avenue whose actions aroused their suspicions.

One Quickly Arrested The patrolmen approached to question the suspects, who did not wait to be asked what they were doing in that neighborhood so early in the morning. They fled, the patrolmen in hot pursuit.

Both Kurtz and Schilling are young and active, and they gained on their men. Kurtz soon overtook Salvo. The patrolman arrested the man without difficulty and started to the station house with him.

The second fugitive, Jerome, dodged slightly and managed to distance Schilling for a square. The patrolman was gaining so fast, however, that Jerome dodged into the old cemetery behind the main block.

Schilling went in after him, vaulting tombstones and stumbling in the dark over grave markers.

Jerome could be seen now and then, darkly outlined against the white of a marble tombstone, or just slipping behind the cover of a larger monument.

Schilling fired his revolver, and after calling to the runner to halt and surrender, fired in the air.

Jerome, dropping behind a tombstone, threw his revolver, and was on the ground, and the battle was over.

Second Man Surrenders Schilling, recalling the days in France, crouched in his cover and watched for the flash of his adversary's gun. The patrolman noted the place where Jerome was hiding behind a broad marble slab. He saw Kurtz wriggle forward as he had been taught to do when he was being schooled to fight Germans instead of bandits, using every grove and every ancient hedge as cover for cover. In this way he was able to fire from various angles at Jerome, who finally lost his nerve as his ammunition ran low and the patrolman's revolver began to bark.

At last Jerome called out: "I surrender," and threw away his revolver to show that so far as he was concerned the battle was over.

Schilling took him to the station house and he was slated there with his companion.

So far the police have no evidence against the case except that Kurtz and Schilling, when spoken to and Jerome had fought a duel with Schilling.

It was now that Patrolman Caplini got in from the quarry. He had heard the shot and run up. He saw Kurtz and Schilling were handling the situation unaided, so concluded to go over their trail to search for evidence. Not far from the place where the patrolman had flushed their quarry, Caplini found a package of letters. All were addressed to August Guinot, of 1324 South Second street.

The patrolman hurried to Guinot's home, and found him lamenting the loss of \$20, which he said had been taken from him by two highwaymen at Passy-on-Gravel street.

He said he had saved his gold watch and chain, but, by battling with them.

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Held as "Firebug"



CALDWELL MATTHEWS Sixteen-year-old boy who was held without bail today accused of arson

\$15,000 IN SILK GOODS STOLEN IN GERMANTOWN

Miller Bros. & Fitter Quilt Factory Robbed Early Today

Silk and other material said to be valued at \$15,000 was stolen from Miller Bros. & Fitter, 22 Church lane, Germantown, quilt manufacturers, early this morning.

Five or six men are supposed to have driven up to the plant, forced a quick entry and stolen the silk goods. It is not yet known how the men made their way into the building.

The different kinds of goods stolen were: 530 yards of silk satin; 302 yards of cotton braid; 281 yards of broadcloth; 40 yards of white silk and 30 yards of plain silk. The material is described as pink, old rose and light blue in color.

The goods, which are used in the manufacture of quilts or comforters, were in the company's storeroom. The robbery was not discovered until late this morning.

275 ELIGIBLE FOR 60 JOBS IN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Civil Service Announcement on Vacancies Causes Disappointment

More than two hundred men who qualified for positions as patrolmen in the police bureau will be disappointed, as an announcement was made today by the Civil Service Commission that there were but sixty vacancies. There are in all 275 men eligible for the sixty jobs.

Allan S. Baker, a former patrolman, who resigned during the war, is the first man on the list, with an average of 92.15. During the last two months there were nearly 1,500 applications. Of these 1375 got as far as the physical examination stage and 819 were rejected as physically unfit.

Of 275 men took the written test, 201 passed. Investigation of the character of the applicants resulted in sixteen of these men being dropped.

The present industrial depression and the increase in the cost of living are believed to be the cause of the large number of applications.

BROKERS SET CLOCKS AHEAD

Local Financiers Make Office Hours Conform to New York Time

Philadelphia brokers set their alarm clocks an hour ahead of time this morning in order to be at their offices at 8 o'clock.

The New York's adoption of daylight saving was the cause. The brokers gained a precious hour yesterday when they set their watches and clocks ahead one hour.

This morning the New York Stock Exchange opened at 10 o'clock, daylight saving time, so that the local exchange was obliged to open at 9 o'clock, standard time, in order to conform.

The necessity for brokers to reach their offices at 8 o'clock this morning.

The adoption of daylight saving time has no bearing upon through railroad service. The schedules adhere to standard time.

New York and other communities which have adopted daylight saving will not be in time with Philadelphia, when they will set their time back one hour.

The National Daily Saving Association is endeavoring to organize support for Senator Edge's bill to make daylight saving effective throughout the eastern time zone.

INSURANCE MAN MISSING

James G. Duboise Left Here Nine Days Ago to Visit Sick Wife

A search was begun today for James Grant Duboise, an insurance man, who disappeared nine days ago from the home of a friend, 444 Wingochock street, saying he was going to visit his sick wife at Minersville.

Mr. Duboise has not been heard from since and relatives fear an accident may have befallen him. He was temporarily out of employment when he left.

He did not reach Minersville and since then Mrs. Duboise has recovered and returned to the city. The couple have two children, Mabel, six years old, and Robert, nine. Mrs. Duboise and the children are staying with a friend, Mrs. W. R. Smith, at the Wingochock street address.

There were no family differences to cause him to leave home, Mrs. Smith said today. "Conditions were really happy at home. He may have been taken ill. He was ill with the grip recently. His wife and children are worried over his absence and fear he has met with an accident."

GIRL SHOT ACCIDENTALLY

Daughter of Mahanoy City Chief Burgess in Critical Condition

Mahanoy City, Pa., April 25.—From what is said to have been inflicted accidentally by her father, Mrs. Mary Burgess, daughter of Chief Burgess, Mahanoy City, is in a critical condition at the State Hospital at Fountain Springs.

The shooting occurred last night in the Girardville office of the Schuylkill Railway Co., where both are employed. Mrs. Burgess is a stenographer and Mr. Burgess is a dispatcher.

According to company officials, Burgess was showing the young lady the workings of an army revolver, when it was discharged, the contents entering her abdomen. Charges for recovery are slight. The case is being investigated.

BOY 'FIREBUG' SENT TO ASYLUM; SOBS IN MOTHER'S ARMS

Caldwell Matthews, Broker's Son, Found Insane by Jury on Alienists' Reports

PARENTS FAITHFUL TO LAD WHO SET BUILDINGS AFIRE

Caldwell Matthews, sixteen-and-a-half-year-old son of Frank C. Matthews, 108 Goven avenue, Mount Airy, and a self-confessed "firebug," was found insane by a jury in Criminal Court No. 1 today and committed indefinitely to the Friends' Asylum, Frankford, by Judge Shull.

The boy was committed after letters had been read from alienists, among them Dr. Charles K. Mills, who twice examined the boy, saying he was of unsound mind and not fit to face trial.

The district attorney also addressed a communication to the court suggesting that the jury be asked to pass upon his sanity before trying him on the indictments charging arson.

The whole procedure, though strictly legal, was unusual, and attracted a large crowd. When it was over, and the boy had been ordered taken to the asylum, the boy's mother rushed forward, threw her arms around her son's neck and broke down sobbing.

Caldwell, who looks better than his sixteen years, wept too, and put his arms around her neck.

The boy's parents, who are well off, made no secret of their grief, but stood aside, beside the boy, shielding him all they could.

The boy was brought from the House of Detention at 9:30 o'clock this morning by Assistant Fire Marshal Melherin and locked up precisely as he would have been if many years older.

Appears Younger Than He Is Apparently an hour spent locked in a cell at City Hall had not ruffled him. As he stood at his father's side before the jury, he looked better than his sixteen years, and looked up precisely as he would have been if many years older.

After a couple of minor cases had been disposed of his was called up. He stated his name and address clearly. There were many friendly faces in the room and a bigger crowd than usual because it was known the boy's case would be called up.

Caldwell was dressed in a green overcoat, brown hat, neat dark suit, and carried another hat in a paper package. He was well groomed and neat, and his hair was combed.

The magistrate's hearing lasted less than three minutes and brought out no testimony of any sort.

Procedure Is Puzzle to Him

Assistant District Attorney Barr said he did not seem persons' levities of a hearing. "Tell the magistrate you wish to waive a hearing," the father prompted. "What is that?" asked the son, apparently not understanding. "Sign a waiver," the father replied. "Then Mr. Matthews himself said: 'We would like to waive a hearing.'"

The district attorney's office said they would press charges of having set fire to a store, and that he and other Democratic senators wished to discuss the resolution.

Two joint resolutions, terminating the state of war between the United States and Germany, and between the United States and Austria, were introduced in the House today by Chairman Porter, of the foreign affairs committee.

Emergency reevaluation provision of the House emergency tariff bill may be stricken out by the Senate finance committee, which held a brief executive session today. Committee members said the discussion had lasted long enough to make it clear that the section limiting foreign currency depreciation was without strong backing.

It was admitted that a clash with the House would follow elimination of the emergency reevaluation. Senators added, however, that confusion would result from inclusion of the section in the bill and explained they desired to avoid legislation which would add further burdens on the customs service.

SOVIET COMMISSION IN POLAND'S CAPITAL

WARSAW, April 25.—Thirty Soviet officials, making up the repatriation commission, which will attend to the details of the exchange of Russian prisoners and refugees now in Poland, arrived here yesterday. The commission, six of whose members are women, will be called upon to repatriate more than 100,000 persons.

PLANS TO ABOLISH GRADE CROSSINGS APPROVED

HARRISBURG, April 25.—The Public Service Commission has approved the grade-crossing on the Pennsylvania system near Lewisburg, also used by the Lewisburg, Milton and Watsonville Street Railway, against which complaint was filed by the supervisors of West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county. The work is to be done by September 1 and the commission appropriates \$2000 toward the cost, the state highway department to pay \$5000; Northumberland county, \$1000; the township, \$1000, and the county to pay damages. The railroad and street railway are to do the work.

PHILA. MAN APPEALS

Clarence E. Weaver Contends \$4000 Balm Verdict is Excessive

Argument will be heard on the motion to have set aside the verdict of the Supreme Court of Buffalo, N. Y., of \$4000 in favor of Mrs. Alice Weyman against Clarence E. Weaver, oil merchant in the West End Trust Building, this city, for breach of promise.

The verdict was returned in the Buffalo Court Saturday after a trial of over a week. Carleton E. Ladd, attorney for Mr. Weaver, appealed on grounds that the verdict was excessive and against the weight of evidence.

Justice Marcus granted the motion of the defendant.

ASKS LIMIT ON PATENTS

Germans Forwarding Inventions of War Devices to Krupp's

Washington, April 25.—(By A. P.)—Activity of German citizens in obtaining patents from the American Government embodying many of the principal inventions of the war, and other advances had Secretary Weeks to ask Congress today for legislation limiting the granting of patents to foreigners.

The war secretary said 201 advance patents had been obtained here by German citizens since last July 1 and transferred to Frederick Krupp, the great ordnance manufacturer at Essen.

GERMANY OFFERS TO PAY 200 BILLION GOLD MARKS; BRITAIN SUPPORTS FRANCE

DEVELOPMENTS OF IMPORTANCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

Germany's counter-proposals on reparations, embodied in a note to the United States, are reported to include payment of 200,000,000,000 gold marks during a period of from thirty to forty-two years or less, with economic pledges of goods and participation in German industries as guarantees.

Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons that if the new proposals are unsatisfactory Great Britain will support France in her proposals for the occupation of the Westphalian coal fields.

The German note has been delayed in transmission and has not yet reached Washington.

The French supreme war council will meet this afternoon. The Knox peace resolution, slightly changed, was submitted to the Senate today.

SENATE GETS KNOX HUGHES HAD HINT

Foreign Affairs Committee Adopts Measure With Minor Textual Changes

Washington, April 25.—The Knox peace resolution was reported favorably today by the Senate foreign relations committee. A few of the Democratic committee members voted in opposition and indicated they would carry their fight to the Senate floor. Although the committee made no decision as to the time for bringing the resolution before the Senate for debate, Chairman Lodge said he planned to call it up tomorrow.

The vote on the measure was nine to two, all the Republicans supporting it. The two Democrats present—Pomerene, Ohio, and Pittman, Nevada—voted in opposition. Other Democrats who were absent were given the privilege of recording themselves with the opposition later.

Minor changes only were made in the resolution as revised by Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, its author. The principal change was to amplify the section to end the state of war with the imperial Austrian Government, making it similar to the provision to end the status of war with the German Imperial Government.